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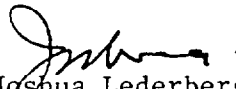
Dr. Martin Kaplan  
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Dear Martin,

I wonder if you could ask Gus Nossal to chair the recombinant DNA pre-session in June. I am happy to be a member, but I think it would be better, to defuse conflict-of-interest allegations on such a heated matter, for the chairman to be less intensely interested in the outcome of this special field from the standpoint of his own personal interests. As I am trying, so far unsuccessfully (!), to promote commercial interest in further practical development of things like producing immunoglobulins, there is even further likelihood of potential slander I would just as soon forfend.

There should be no reason to disqualify me from membership on that subcommittee on these grounds, but that is within your and Dr. Nossal's discretion, given that I have alerted you to this contingency.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

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cc. Prof. Lederberg

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→ Dr. Kaplan -  
Fine!  
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(G. Nossal)  
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Do you agree?  
M. Kaplan  
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